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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application, please make the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

**In the claims:**

Please cancel current claims 1-23 and add the following new claims 24-55.

24. (Newly Added). A method of diagnosis, comprising:

- a) identifying a patient at risk of an arthritis, the patient having an interferon gamma gene;